Irregular supply of coal to Delhi Power Plant

†3248. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-supply on regular basis as per demand of coal in Badarpur Power House at Delhi has adversely affected its generation capacity leading to serious crisis of electricity in Delhi and shutting down of several units;

(b) the quantum of coal supplied during last three years to the said Power House and to what extent it has been lesser than demand; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure regular supply of coal as per demand to the said Power House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Coal has not been informed of any loss in generation capacity at Badarpur Thermal Power Station at Delhi or shutting down of several units on account of non supply of coal.

(b) As against the normative requirement of 3.80 million tonnes per annum for Badarpur Thermal Power Station, the actual dispatches during 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (Provisional) was 3.977 million tonnes, 3.832 and 3.902 million tonnes respectively. Therefore, there has been no shortfall in coal supplied as compared to the normative requirement during the last three years.

(c) Government has taken following steps to ensure regular supply of coal to various thermal power stations, including Badarpur:—

(i) The Standing Linkage Committee (short-term), an inter-ministerial Committee comprising of representatives of Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Ministry of Railways and representatives of coal companies allocate coal, on quarterly basis, from coal producing companies to various power utilities including Badarpur Thermal Power Station, keeping in view, *inter-alia* their proximity from the coalfields, coal availability, grades of coal as per the Ministry of Environment and forest (MoEF) norms and transport logistics involved.

(ii) A Sub-group under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal comprising the representatives of Ministry of Power, Railways and Central Electricity Authority monitors supply of coal to various power stations. The corrective measures taken by the Sub-group from time to time in the past have ensured sufficient supply of coal to various power utilities including Badarpur Thermal Power Station to prevent any loss of generation of power due to non availability of coal.

(iii) Government has also notified New Coal Distribution Policy in October, 2007 under which 100% normative requirement of Thermal Power Station, including Badarpur, would be met by concerned coal companies, through a system of Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs).

Allotment of coal blocks

3249. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal for allotment of coal blocks to Maharashtra State Mining Corporation;

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